

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



July 2004 Time Local Path Length Path Number of Estimated Width Persons Damage **KENTUCKY**, Northeast **Boyd County** 3 S Cannonsburg 10 1750EST 0 2K Thunderstorm Wind (EG50) About a dozen trees were blown down with some damage to outbuildings. OHIO, Southeast **Lawrence County** Arabia to Aid 03 10K Flash Flood Thunderstorms drifting north at around 5 mph. Rain amounts slightly higher than 3 inches likely fell across the small tributaries feeding into Symmes Creek. A few miles to the north, the cooperative observer at Waterloo measured 2.9 inches of rain by 1645E. Streams overflowed and damaged culverts and drainpipes. No damage to dwellings was reported. VIRGINIA, Northwest NONE REPORTED. WEST VIRGINIA, West **Harrison County** 1855EST Thunderstorm Wind (EG50) Anmoore Large tree branches were blown down. **Ritchie County** 05 1900EST Washburn 0 Thunderstorm Wind (EG50) Trees were knocked down along Route 16. **Barbour County** Philippi to Belington 05 1930EST Thunderstorm Wind (EG50) Scattered locations between the 2 communities had trees blown down. **WVZ015** Kanawha 2K 10 0 Flood Localized heavier rain hit the Allen Fork region of northern Kanawha County. Water surrounded vehicles, but did not get inside. Residents were temporarily prevented from leaving, due to water flowing across roads. Minor road damage occurred. **WVZ047** Randolph 1K Flood Minor basement flooding occurred. Rain amounts of around 2 inches were estimated. **WVZ036 Fayette** 22 0 50K Flood

The remnants of a mesoscale convective system traversed central West Virginia during the morning and early afternoon. Convection redeveloped in the steamy conditions during the late afternoon, causing small stream and runoff flooding. The heaviest 12 hour rain amounts were around 4 inches. This occurred over the Rich Creek drainage, Gauley Mountain, and the Ansted vicinity. The cooperative observer at Hawks Nest State Park measured 4.2 inches of rain from dawn to 1730E. At least, 1 mobile home was



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	Local/	Length	Width	Perso	ons	Dan	nage		
Location Date	Standard	(Miles)	(Yards)	Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	Character of Storm	

WEST VIRGINIA, West

washed off its foundation.

This event was followed in 4 days by a localized cloudburst in Fayette County. The combination of the 2 events lead to a federal disaster declaration. See FEMA disaster 1536 for specific details.

Lincoln County Harts to 1.5 S Harts	25 26	2330EST 0200EST	0	0	200K	Flash Flood
Logan County Shively	25 26	2330EST 0200EST	0	0	500K	Flash Flood

Rains of 2.5 to 3 inches were estimated in the 3 hours ending around 0000E. This occurred over a small region around Shively of western Logan County to near Harts of Lincoln County. The Big Harts Creek drainage, including its East Fork, received the bulk of the runoff. Some residents evacuated by climbing up nearby hillsides. Water pushed rocks and debris up against homes. In Logan County, 4 single family homes and 4 mobile homes were destroyed, while 16 single family homes and 7 mobile homes had major damage. In Lincoln County, 2 single family homes and 4 mobiles homes had major damage. About 40 small private bridges were damaged or destroyed in Logan County. In Lincoln County, at least 9 private bridges were either damaged or destroyed.

This event was added to FEMA disaster number 1536.

Fayette County						
Beckwith to Ansted	26	1830EST 2000EST	0	0	900K	Flash Flood

After receiving heavy rain on the 22nd, rains of 2.5 to 4 inches fell on saturated ground. Hawks Nest State Park measured 3.7 inches in their 24 hour report, that included the afternoon of the 26th. Water and debris flowed off Gauley Mountain, down 2 small drainage basins, through the streets of Ansted, before emptying into Mill Creek. Town workers and residents tried to keep culverts open, but water and debris poured through the streets. Citizens along such roads and streets as Log Town, Railroad, Coke Oven, West Lake, Cashion, and White Run saw water surround their homes. The mayor said it was the worst flooding in 37 years. He said, "the flooding is never on this side of the river. But a storm system seemed to stall here."

Near Beckwith, the Laurel Creek basin also saw flooding.

Damage estimates for Fayette County, including the lesser event on the 22nd, counted 5 single family homes and 5 mobile homes destroyed. Major damage occurred to 29 single family homes and 3 mobile homes. Around 15 small private bridges were damaged or destroyed. Hawks Nest State Park sustained no major damage.